

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON
WATER RATE AND SEWER RATE
ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED**

Whereas, the City of Livingston in order to meet its present obligations, as well as meet the increased cost of operating and maintaining the water and sewer systems, the City recognizes the necessity to adjust customer service rate and charges;

Now, Therefore, be it ordained by the City of Livingston as follows:

Section One: The Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance, as amended, is amended as follows:

A. Water Rates:

Water Usage

Inside City Limits

First 2,000 Gallons

\$25.50 \$27.82 Minimum Bill

2,001-9999999 Gallons

\$1.16 per 1,000 gallons

Outside City Limits

First 2,000 Gallons

\$25.50 \$29.50 Minimum Bill

2,001-9999999 Gallons

\$1.16 per 1,000 gallons

Eastern Rockcastle

Wholesale

\$2.55 \$3.19 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer Usage

First 2,000 Gallons

\$14.00 \$17.50 Minimum Bill

Next 5,000 Gallons

\$5.50 per 1,000 Gallons

Next 3,000 Gallons

\$4.30 per 1,000 Gallons

Next 10,000 Gallons

\$3.60 per 1,000 Gallons

Sewer Rates

The former sewer rate was calculated on the basis of a \$14.00 minimum bill plus 80% of the water bill above 2,500 gallon usage

B. Connection Charges: The charge for a 5/8x3/4 inch water connection shall be \$500. Will be assessed for each sewer connection

C. Deposits: All applicants for service shall pay a \$150 deposit before installation of any water meter. Deposits are refundable after service has been disconnected and the final balance is paid in full. If the final balance is not paid in full or disconnection has taken place for nonpayment, the deposit amount will first be used to pay the delinquent amount and the difference shall be refunded to the customer. Another deposit must then be paid in order for reconnection. Disconnection will take place if delinquent accounts are not paid in full after one month, and reconnection fees will be charged.

D. Re-Connection Fees: Where the water supply to the customer has been disconnected for non-payment of delinquent bills, or where a meter is to be reinstalled for new customer at the location where one existed previously, a charge of \$50 will be assessed for reconnection of water service. The reconnection of service will not be made until all delinquent bills and other charges, if any, owed by the customer to the city have been paid. Anyone unable to pay their bill in full may sign a repayment contract in order to continue water and/or sewer service.

E. Leak Adjustment: The city will allow one leak adjustment per customer on an annual basis. In making a leak adjustment, the city will determine the customer's average monthly usage for the past 12 months. The city will bill the customer for their average usage at the current rates. All usage in excess of the average monthly usage will be charged at the current per 1,000 gallon rate the city pays for its purchase water plus an additional \$0.10 per 1,000 gallons to pay for the transmission cost.

F. Special Charges: Special charges shall be assessed to the customer in the following instances:

- A. \$25.00 will be charged on all return checks
- B. \$20.00 will be charged to reread a meter at the customer's request unless such reread reveals that the initial reading was erroneous. No charge will be made if the initial was incorrect.
- C. \$30.00 will be charged for a meter test when test is made at the customer's written request unless the meter is found to be faulty. No charge shall be made for testing a faulty meter and appropriate adjustments will be made in accordance with test results.
- D. A 10 percent late payment penalty will be assessed if bills are not paid by the due date.

G. Individual Fire Hydrant: For each fire hydrant contracted for by a city, county, state or federal governmental agency or institution, private customer, private industry, or private institution, the connection and installation charge shall be \$2,000.

- H. **Multi-Unit:** The monthly charge for customers who have requested water service through a master meter for multi-unit service shall be the number of housing units times the minimum water charge per unit, based on the city's standard service meter minimum charge.
- I. All customers are required to sign a Water User Agreement. All new taps are required to purchase a plumbing permit. All business must be conducted at City Hall.

Section Two: All provisions of the Water and Sewer Rate Ordinance not specifically amended in this Ordinance, are hereby reenacted and reaffirmed and made a part hereof as if copied in full herein.

Section Three: All Ordinances, Orders, Resolutions or similar instruments in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby suspended and deemed null and void upon adoption of this Ordinance.

Section Four: The effective date of all rates and charges herein given shall coincide with the date of adoption of this Ordinance and shall be reflected in charges for services rendered on and after April 28, 2006

Adopted this 14th day of May 2012

Raymond Griffin, Mayor, City of Livingston

Attest: Trisha Doan, City Clerk

Date of first reading: 4/9/2012

Date of Second reading 5/14/2012